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it adjourns. But we have made but little
progress as a self-respecting Nation if
this expression in general really repre-
sents public opinion. That it does not is
evidenced by the fact that every two
years sees the re-election of most of the
members who have been most severely
denounced by the few newspapers whose
editors suppose themselves to be in
charge of the public conscience.
We claim for the press the right of free
criticism, but we regard as most
visionary and injurious to the public good
that unceasing railing against the people's
representatives, which would, if half of
it were true, make revolution a duty
and despotism a boon. The attempt of a
dozen editors, who echo each other like
frogs in the country at night, or barn-yard
fowls in the morning, to educate the
people down to the idea that all who
can command their suffrages are to be
despised, and that the men who make
our laws are public enemies—this is a
public enemy—this is a social order
which would be dangerous to the order
if those who engage in it could make them-
selves believed. The people believe in
their chosen representatives, and the
newspapers which always abuse them are
really abusing the people and denying
their capacity for self-government. We
enter here our opinion that the people
have felt no anxiety growing out of the
session of Congress, and will not, there-
fore, experience any sense of relief be-
cause of its final adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS MEN'S MODERATION
SOCIETY OF NEW YORK are not per-
mitted to drink "more than one glass at
a time." We suppose the toper in that
city drink from two classes at once.

HON. J. M. LEACH'S LETTER.

His Reasons for Leaving the Democratic
Party.

The following letter from Hon. J. M. Leach,
of North Carolina, to the editor of the Charlotte
Observer, has just been made public. It is worthy
of a careful perusal because of the prominence
of the writer, and for the reason that it shows
the drift of public sentiment in favor of Liberalism
as against Chivalry.

LEXINGTON, N. C., Aug. 3, 1882.

Col. Charles H. Brown, Editor of the
Charlotte Observer.

MY DEAR SIR: Your letter asking me for my
political views and what action I propose taking
in the present campaign, which is likely to be a very
important one, has just reached me. I have been
at New York, where I have been some weeks on
professional business. I only reached home last
night, and have not had time to write you before
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SENATE AND HOUSE.

Probable Adjournment To-Day—The Tax
Bill Again Discussed.

Immediately after assembling this morning the
Senate dispensed with the reading of the Journal,
and passed the bill for the relief of the
widow of the late Brigadier General Ham-
mond, by unanimous consent. There were as follows:

On motion of Mr. Hale the House bill pen-
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